

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Seven claims are pending in the application: Claims 21-27.

At the outset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 21-27 are allowable. Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome.

Specification

1. The Examiner has requested Applicant to update the related application information on page 1, lines 24-25 of the specification.

Applicant has amended the paragraph starting on page 1, line 18 to update the related application information. Applicant submits that no new matter has been entered.

Drawings

2. Figs. 1A-1B; Fig. 2; Figs. 3A, 3B, 3C; Fig. 4; Fig. 5; Figs. 6A, 6B and 6C stand objected to under MPEP § 608.02(g) for failing to be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art."

Applicant has amended all of the above referenced figures by adding a legend designating each of the figures as prior art. Applicant has attached herewith six (6) replacements sheets. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits the objection is overcome.

Double Patenting

3. Claims 1-18 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine

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of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of copending application No. 10/051,680.

Claims 1-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus the rejection is overcome.

35 U.S.C. § 103

4. Claims 1-11, 13-17 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,579,473 (*Schlapp et al.*).

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,579,473 (*Schlapp et al.*) and further in view of "Alternative Architecture for High Performance Display" by R. W. Corrigan et al.

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,579,473 (*Schlapp et al.*) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,709 (*Goodwin et al.*).

While Applicant traverses these rejections, claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to pursue the timely issuance of the allowable claims. Applicant plans to file a continuation application to later pursue canceled claims 1-20. Furthermore, Applicant submits the cancellation of claims 1-20 should not be viewed as the surrender of the subject matter of claims 1-20 or as a surrender of broader subject matter than any of the presently identified allowable claims. Applicant respectfully submits these rejections are overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Again, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 21-27 are allowable over the prior art.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited. Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens at (805) 781-2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Six (6) Sheets of Replacement Drawings

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